

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the instant amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits.

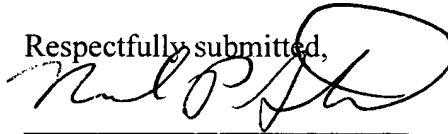
Claims 1-147 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-87 were presented in the application as originally filed. Claim 36 has been amended. New claims 88-147 have been added by the instant amendment.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made by the instant amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" and is only included for the Examiner's convenience. Should any discrepancies be discovered, the version presented in the preceding "IN THE CLAIMS" section shall be deemed to be correct.

Applicant asserts that these new claims are fully supported by the application as filed and do not constitute new matter. Independent claims 88, 97, 104, 111, 120, and 129 are supported, inter alia by Example VI. Independent claim 138 is supported, inter alia, at page 15, lines 8-22.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due with this submission not otherwise included with this submission to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Please credit any overpayment of fees associated with this filing to the above-identified deposit account. A duplicate of this page is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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added text, and deleted text is marked by a single strikethrough, e.g. ~~deleted text~~.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 36 has been amended as follows:

36. (AMENDED) The method of Claim 35 wherein the pharmaceutical is selected from the group consisting of colchicine, sulfinpyrazone, allopurinol, piroxicam, tolmetin-sodium, idomethacin, ibuprofen, diflunisal, mefenamic acid, and mesalamine, sulindac, sulindac sulfon, salicylic acid and its derivatives thereof.